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Sir:

With regard to the non-english language references cited herein, the following is an explanation of such references, as far as understood by the undersigned.

German Patent No. 876,285 to Oesterlen appears to disclose a centrifugal pump having an impeller with two vane configurations which cooperate in a manner to circulate a fluid along a helical path between a fluid inlet and a fluid outlet. This centrifugal pump, however, does not appear to direct the fluid from the periphery of one vane toward the root of an adjacent vane in the manner under which toric pumps operate.

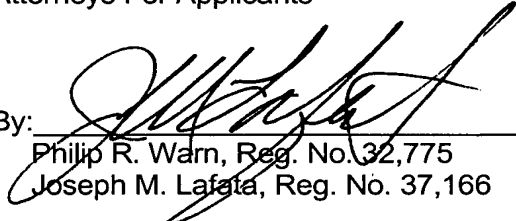
European Patent 0 602 558 A1 to Alcatel SEL appears to disclose a centrifugal pump (i.e., blower) which utilizes centrifugal force to circulate a fluid from a fluid inlet to a fluid outlet. This centrifugal pump also does not appear to direct the fluid from the periphery of one vane toward the root of an adjacent vane in the manner under which toric pumps operate.

These references are being cited only in the interests of candor and without any admission that it constitutes statutory prior art or contains matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

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